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In response to the Office Action of November 5, 2002, the period for response to which been extended by three months to May 5, 2003, bindle and the period for response to which having been extended by three months to May 5, 2003, kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the original specification with the attached substitute specification. No new matter has been entered.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and substitute therefor the following new claims:

15. A Q-pole type mass spectrometer installed in a reduced pressure gas environment, wherein the motion in an axial direction of ions to be measured, advancing from an ion source to a collector, is controlled within a Q-pole region at the same time that the ions to be measured are 05/06/2003 HDEMESS1 00000104 09824211

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